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## Principal's Message



Welcome to the first newsletter in Term 3 – and the term has started with all sorts of activities. This term is a busy one for Year 12 students with the Core Skills Test and the main pieces of assessment due.

First of all, I would like to thank the **Longreach Regional Council** for their generous contribution to the Year 12 Formal – they have donated the cost of the hire of the hall. This represents a big chunk of the cost of running the formal so it is much appreciated.

We have been fortunate to have a visit from **Bundaberg State High School Band and Norville State School Choir** last week. We were treated to a wonderful concert of musical pieces and songs. Thank you to Jason Osmond for organising this visit.



Last Monday night, **Parent/Teacher Interviews** were held. Semester One results were discussed and expectations for this term. If you were unable to attend and want to speak to teachers, please ring the school to talk to teachers to arrange for a meeting.

This week we also had a visit from Paul Stanley representing the Matthew Stanley Foundation and talking about the **One Punch Campaign**. Year 12 students were fortunate enough to listen to his session, and, I think that all students were deeply affected by Paul's story about the loss of his Year 12 son to a violent attack by a fellow student who was drunk. It was a moving message that punching can have serious impact on everyone's lives.



There are a number of upcoming events which students will be looking forward to:

- July 25 and 26 - **Brett Innes** is coming back to the school for his third visit. Brett is an expert on **Cyber Bullying** and safe practices on Social Media – his message is very clear – you are responsible for what you put on social media, and how to be safe and protect yourself. There will be two sessions this year for students and if parents wish to attend and listen then please come to either day at 9.00 am in the library.
- August 1 to 5 - a number of students will start the first week intensive for a **Certificate II in Tourism**.
- August 2 - the **RACQ Docudrama** session is on for senior students. It is a vivid representation of what happens at a crash site and also carries a powerful message.

- August 15 - Year **10 Subject Selection** night.  
Parents, if you want information on how the Senior subjects work and what is on offer – this is the night to attend.

**Lesley Andrews**  
**Principal**

## Athletics Carnival 2016

This year the 2016 Athletics Carnival was due to be held in week 10 of Term 3, but due to some unexpected and welcome rain, it had to be postponed to week 11. This meant that the Year 10 cohort, unfortunately, had to miss the day due to being out on work experience.

When the carnival finally got underway, there was some fierce competition between all age groups. Spartans started off in a blaze of glory and skipped away to an early points lead. There were some very strong performances by the girls with special mentions going to Hara Frazer, Hannah Cossor, Daniella Mudu and Shannon Cossor. The boys also had some great performances with Adam Worland, Kade Buntine, Dean McCoy, and Dylan Osborne all competing well.

Warriors fought back hard and during the day the points tally was very close. The day also included some team challenges including Spartans vs Warriors Tug of war and teacher vs student relays. However, at the end of the day there could only be one winner and it was the Spartans who took out this year's carnival. Well done to everyone for a great day!

### Age Champions

**12 years:** Dean McCoy and Hannah Cossor

**13 years:** Adam Worland/Sterling Green and Breeanna Lashford

**14 years:** Brock McCoy and Daniella Mudu

**16 years:** William Laza and Brooke McCoy

**Opens:** Lochlan Smith and Shannon Cossor

**Paul de Vries**  
**Sports Coordinator**

## Chappy's Corner



**Reminder:** Chappy's breakfast is on every Tuesday morning from 8.15 am in the school kitchen.

**Kerry Morton**  
**Chaplain**

## We want to see mistakes in Maths!

Term 3 is underway and the first half of the year is behind us. The focus for our Maths department is on positive growth mindset. This focus is about changing students fixed mindset

on their ability to succeed in maths through changing the norms around the subject, positive feedback and encouraging mistakes.

“Encourage mistakes!” I hear you say. Research has shown that mistakes are important opportunities for learning and growth, but students routinely regard mistakes as indicators of their own low ability (Boaler, 2013).

The topics for this term are:

**Year 7** – Money and financial maths, numbers and place value, patterns and algebra.

**Year 8** – Statistics such as central tendency and spread, patterns and algebra.

**Year 9** – Linear and non-Linear relationships (straight lines and curved lines).

**Year 10** – Statistics such as central tendency and spread, graph display, geometry.

To encourage Maths at school, we need to not only encourage it in the classroom but also at home. Therefore, in each newsletter a Math problem from a selected year level will appear in the newsletter for the family to solve together.

### Year 7 Maths Quiz #1

Ken made fudge brownies and peanut butter brownies. Each batch of fudge brownies makes 5 pans. Each batch of peanut butter brownies makes 2 pans. Ken made 7 batches and ended up with 26 pans of brownies. How many batches of each type of brownie did he make?

The answer will be in the next newsletter.

**Simon Hamilton**  
**Teacher**

## Year 10 Drama

Congratulations to the Year 10 Drama class - their short film about disability has been accepted into the Focus On Ability short film competition. Their film, *(un)limited*, will be uploaded and viewable for online voting by the public on July 27 via the link below. Voting closes Monday 8 August at midnight. The film with the most online votes and runner up gain \$10,000 and \$5,000 worth of sporting equipment for the school community.

<http://www.focusonability.com>

Their film will also be in the hands of the professional judging panel who will be making their decision on the best entry. Winners chosen by the judges receive \$10,000 or \$5,000.

Winners will be announced at the awards evening in Sydney on September 7, 2016.

**Erin Landles**  
**Teacher**

## Coming Events

### P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held on **Monday 25 July at 7 pm** in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

### LSHS 50 Year Celebrations

Hurry! – This week will be the last chance for you to pre order the 50th Anniversary Magazine. The cost is \$20.00. There are 100 pages of history recorded in the magazine. Contact Brenda or Lisa at the school office to place your order.

We are desperately chasing old school uniforms and any memorabilia significant to the past 50 years of Longreach State High School. These items will be on display only and all care will be taken to ensure their safety.

## Important Notices:

### Meagan Walker Mini-Marathon

The 27th Annual Meagan Walker Mini-Marathon, to be held on Father's Day – Sunday 4 September. Let's make this the biggest year so far!